

PATENT APPLICATION

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METHODS OF USING IN INFLAMMATION

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

The Restriction Requirement mailed July 20, 2006, has been received and reviewed.

The Office Action sets forth a restriction requirement under 35 USC §121.

Applicants were requested to elect one of five (5) designated groups as briefly noted below:

- I. Claims 1-5, drawn to a method of producing an antibody, classified in class 435, subclass 326.
- II. Claims 6-14 and 29-34, drawn to an antibody that binds to a polypeptide, classified in class 530, subclass 388.22.

III. Claims 15-19, drawn to a method for reducing or inhibiting the effects induced by IL-20, classified in class 424, subclass 158.1.

IV. Claims 20-22, drawn to a method of suppressing an inflammatory response in a mammal, classified in class 424, subclass 145.1.

V. Claims 23-28 and 35-39, drawn to a method of treating an inflammatory disease, classified in class 424, subclass 158.1.

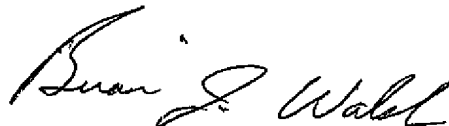
In response to the Requirement for Restriction Election, Applicants elect Group II, claims 6-14 and 29-34, drawn to an antibody that binds to a polypeptide, classified in class 530, subclass 388.22.

If invention I – IV is selected, a further election of species is required from the 16 defined peptides from SEQ ID NO:8 each producing an antibody.

In response to the Species Election, Applicants elect (a) a polypeptide consisting of amino acid residues 42 (Ile) to 102 (Asp) of SEQ ID NO:8.

Early reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims under examination are respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that a telephone interview would expedite prosecution of the above-identified patent application, please call the undersigned at (206) 442-6558.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Enclosures:

Petition for Extension of Time

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